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SUBJ: CANADIAN VIEWS ON US POSITION ILO

1. AMB BARBARA WHITE PAID CALL FEB 17 ON HARDY, DIR GEN, UN BUREAU, EXTAFF AND SENIOR OFFICIALS THAT BUREAU. DURING COURSE OF GENERAL DISCUSSIONS, HARDY RAISED ISSUE OF US NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER US WITHDRAWAL FROM UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH UNIVERSALITY PRINCIPLE AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT EVEN THREAT TO WITHDRAW DAMAGING TO UNIVERSALITY. HE THEN ADDED OPINION THAT US HANDLING OF ILO MATTER HAS BEEN PRECIPITOUS. HE QUESTIONED, FOR EXAMPLE, WHY US CHOSE TO THREATEN WITHDRAWAL IN TWO-YEAR TIME FRAME AND CLAIMED IT MORE APPROPRIATE TO LET THE MATTER EVOLVE OVER A LONGER PERIOD.

2. AMB WHITE STATED SHE DID NOT ACCEPT THE HARDY PREMISE THAT VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL FROM A SPECIALIZED AGENCY WAS VIOLATION OF RULE OF UNIVERSALITY IN THE UN. SHE NOTED THAT BAR TO MEMBERSHIP OR EXPULSION IS INHERENTLY QUITE DIFFERENT FROM VOLUNTARY DECISION OF
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A MEMBER TO WITHDRAW. IN CONNECTION WITH HARDY RECOMMENDA-

TION FOR MORE FORBEARANCE BY US, AMBASSADOR WHITE NOTED THAT THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD WAS NOTICE PRESCRIBED BY ILO CONSTITUTION.

3. ALTHOUGH MEETING CORDIAL AND EXCHANGE USEFUL, HARDY AND OTHER OFFICIALS WHO BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC WITH US ROLE IN UN, REVEALED OCCASIONAL TENDENCY TO STRIKE RATHER AVUNCULAR POSTURE. AMBASSADOR WHITE CLOSED HER COMMENTS WITH REQUEST THAT, IN ONE INSTANCE, GOC SUBSTITUTE ACTION FOR WORDS. SHE NOTED THAT CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE WERE ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE OF US EFFORTS IN DISCUSSIONS AT COCKTAIL PARTIES. SHE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS HELPFULNESS DISAPPEARED AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS WHERE CANADIANS INVARIABLY SILENT. HARDY, CLAIMING UNFAMILIARITY WITH PARTICULAR CASE ASSURED AMB WHITE THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER.

4. COMMENT: HARDY VIEWS ON US POSITION TOWARDS ILO LIKELY TO BE ECHOED WHEN AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN IN OTTAWA, SINCE HARDY SHOULD HAVE MAJOR HAND IN BRIEFING MACEACHEN. ENDERS

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